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**FAIRBANKS MAN AND WOMAN PLEAD GUILTY TO  
COCAINE TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on March 11, 2008, Lamon Glenn Washington and Tammi Mae Chapman, both residents of Fairbanks, pleaded guilty in federal court to conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

Washington, age 34, and Chapman, age 20, pleaded guilty to one count before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline.

In connection with the guilty plea, Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Schroder advised the court that in the spring and summer of 2006, Washington conspired with Chapman to transport cocaine from Seattle to Fairbanks. Chapman and another woman acted as the couriers, transporting approximately ½ kilo of cocaine each trip on three separate occasions.

Judge Beistline scheduled sentencing for May 23, 2008. The law provides for a total sentence of 40 years in prison, a fine of \$2,000,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based upon the seriousness of the offense and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Pending sentencing, the court ordered both Washington and Chapman to be held in custody.

The Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Washington and Chapman.

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